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ACT ONE-SCENE I.

Chorus.

Loudly sing of the one on whom the king has bestowed his greatest favors. Haman comes with honor crowned. He is the favored one of all the king's dominion. Bow down to Haman, the son of Hamadatha.

Solo-Haman

Behold this Mordecai, sitting at the royal gate of a race despised, forlorn, heedeth not my regal state. To the king will I go, this obdurate Mordecai to overthrow.

Chorus-Mordecai's Friends

By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. Who will lead us home once more? Shall we e're see Jordan's shore? Haman hates us! Death awaits us! Danger rules the hour.

Aria-Mordecai

Fear not, brethren, the God of Jacob is still our refuge. His heart abounds in kindness. He has not forgotten David nor his chosen people.

Recitative-Mordecai

As for this Haman, fear ye not him. Bow ye not before the proud oppressor. The hearts of kings are in God's keeping, also here am I, a watchman at the gate, and within is the royal Esther, who is one of the daughters of Israel.

SCENE II.

Recitative-Haman

There is a certain people scattered abroad among the people in all provinces of thy kingdom and their laws are diverse from all people, neither keep they the king's laws. Therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it pleases the king let it be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to those that have charge of the business to bring it unto the king's treasuries.

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Recitative-King

Keep thou thy silver, and those people wicked and perverse; do unto them as seemeth good to thee. Seal with this ring thine edict, and to the captain of the guards proclaim thy pleasure.

Duet-King and Haman

A song of joy! Let naught annoy the zest of royal fare; then while we may, enjoy today, nor dream of grief or care. Kings sometimes unbended, e'en kings may jovial be; 'twill do for lesser men to join the merry glee.

Solo-Prophetess

Lo, o'er the wicked, in hours that seem brightest, doom like the shadow of death is impending, while o'er the right-eous in sorrow the lightest rainbows of glory above me are bending.

Duet -King and Haman

There's time to sigh when storms are nigh; for us the skies are clear, then wake the strain with loud refrain that praiseth royal cheer. Wisdom is here found, and wit doth sparkle free; then pass the cup around and let us merry be.

Solo-Prophetess

Coming with the hopes of heaven above them, warning the righteous when danger's appearing, lighting the pathway to angels that love them, rainbows of glory are rapidly nearing.

ACT TWO.

Chorus.

Israel, for thee do we tremble in the fast gathering storm. Dark in thy sky now death's angels assemble; bleeding and torn we behold thee forlorn.

Solo-Mordecai

Woe is me! For the devices of the wicked prosper. Israel, for thee do I tremble.

Solo-Queen

Israel, for thee do I tremble in the fast gathering storm.

Dark in thy sky now death's angels assemble; bleeding and torn I beheld thee forlorn.

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Duet-Queen and Mordecai

Zion in vain shall await thy returning. List! for thy harp hanging mute by the wave. See through her tears thy camp fires no more burning. Hear the proud Persians exult o'er thy grave.

Solo-Mordecai

Go thou unto the king, and make supplication for our people.

Solo-Queen

Alas! thou knowest well that to go unto the king unbidden is death, unless he holdeth out the golden scepter.

Solo-Mordecai

If then, thou altogether hold thy peace at this time, deliverance shall come to the Jews from another place. And who knowest but thou art come into the kingdom for such a time as this. To die for those we love is nobler far than to wear a crown.

Solo-Queen

Fast ye and pray for me; and I'll go unto the king; though not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish.

Solo-Mordecai and Chorus

To Thee, O Lord, I raise my cries; my fervent prayer in mercy hear. For ruin waits one trembling soul if thou refuse a gracious ear.

Quartette-Mordecai's Friends

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Solos-High Priest, Prophetess and Mordecai's Sister

God is the refuge of his people, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we never fear. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. O let me never be confounded. Thou art the refuge of Thy people, therefore will we never fear.

ACT THREE.

Duet-Queen's Maidens

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Recitative-King

What is it, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be given to thee to the half of my kingdom.

Recitative-Queen

If it seem good unto the king, if it pleases him to grant my petition, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I have prepared.

Recitative-King

Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said.

Solo and Duet

(King)

Long live our beauteous queen, Esther, beauteous queen. Hail! all hail to thee! Esther, hall to thee! Long may thy beauty rule o'er land and sea!

(Queen)

Long live our noble king! Ne'er shall thy praises end. Ever the dutiful, more than the beautiful, find in thee a friend.

ACT FOUR—SCENE I. Chorus

Hail to the monarch; ever victorious! Nations and kingdoms are prone at thy feet! Bold are his warriors, fall down before us, hosts of proud Egypt in ruin complete. Star-like the queen doth stand, fairest in all the land; loud let the trumpet call; Hail! royal pair!

Solo-Captain of the Guard

Haste to the banquet hall; haste ye to Esther's call.

All shall to Haman bow; all do him reverence now.

Solo-Zeresh

Heard ye the king's command, sent by the courier's hand, Haman to quickly call forth to the banquet hall?

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Solo-Median Princess

Mordecai, the Jew, shall no longer sit in scorn, while the proud Agagite in splendor passeth by.

Solo-Persian Princess

He and all his nation shall learn how forlorn is their hope to bring contempt on one so high.

Solo-Median Princess

Who is so rich and great in the king's domain as Haman, with his multitude of friends, and wealth, and fame?

Solo-Persian Princess

Down to unborn nations his honor shall descend. All the world shall know the glory of his name.

Recitative-Haman

Yet all this availeth me not, so long as I see Mordecal, the Jew, sitting at the king's gate.

Solo-Zeresh

Why should this Hebrew vex my lord, when vengeance waits upon his word? Make thou a gallows fifty cubits high and thereon, tomorrow, let this Hebrew die. Then shall no cares its shadows o'er thee fling; then go thou merrily unto the king.

Chorus

Hurrah! Make thou a gallows fifty cubits high, and thereon, tomorrow, let this Hebrew die!

SCENE II.

Recitative-King

The night wears on, I cannot sleep for the thoughts of days departed. Why should they rise as phantoms gray, and I be heavy-hearted? Have I not reached the highest goal? What wealth is like my treasure? What power, what rich delights are mine? Yet yield they little pleasure.

Recitative-Scribe

O, master mine, the day is done, pray cease this useless sorrow; for brief is trial, transient pain; and all's a brief tomorrow. Nor wealth, nor power, nor skill avail, life's perfect joy assuring. Good, fruitful deeds alone prevail to bring the rest enduring.

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Recitative-King

Search thou the records, then, O scribe, some merits unrewarded. Was there not peril once for me, although securely guarded? Were there not false assasins once who thought to kill me sleeping? Was there not then some faithful friend true watch about me keeping?

Scribe

'Tis true, my master, there were two, when foes were then conspiring. Yes, there were two most faithful ones who watched with zeal untiring. The lovely queen then saved thy life, and Mordecai gave the warning. I counsel then some brave reward to him when comes the morning.

King

What honor and dignity has been done to Mordecal for this?

Scribe

Nothing is done for him.

King

Who is in the court room?

Captain of the Guards

Haman is in the court.

King

Let him come in.

Solo-King

O Haman! What shall be done unto the man whom the King delighteth to honor?

Solo-Haman

Let the royal apparel be brought, and the horse the King rideth upon; and let one of the King's most noble princes proclaim before him, "Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the King delighteth to honor."

Solo-King

Make haste and take the apparel and the horse as thou has said, and do even so unto Mordecal the Jew.

Chorus

Aha! Proud Haman begins to fall!

Quartet-King's Guards

The King has given commandment and Haman must obey; for surely his royal will is done as night succeeds the day.

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Chorus

Rejoice; open ye the gates. Trust in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Solo-Hegai

For he bringeth down them that dwell on high. The lofty city he layeth low.

ACT FIVE-SCENE I

Triumphal March and Chorus

Hear proud Haman now proclaim, Mordecal, the honored name.

Solo-Haman

"Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the King delighteth to honor."

SCENE II

Solo-Beggar

The wicked shall be caught in his own devices. Go thou merrily, tread thou warily, come back wearily. Ha! Ha! Verily, the beggar in his rags and the noble in his gown, to the dust they must all come down. Old Mordecai, the Jew, hath a way most kindly, alms for poverty, scorn for vanity, word of cheer for poor humanity. He's ever at the gate, and the King upon his throne, and this proud Haman shall be cast down. Down in the dust they lie, and it's all the same to the passer-by, if that be Haman or this be me; ave, it's all the same in that weird country.

Duet-Haman and Zeresh

Thy galling defeat, alas, we know it all; and if he, before whom thou now begin'st to fall, belong to the race of the down trodden Jew; thy sorrows are many, thy pleasures are few.

Solo-Captain of Guards

Haste to the banquet hall; haste yet to Esther's call.

Solo-Zeresh

May Ormud assist thee there, thy shattered fortune to repair.

SCENE III

Chorus

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Duet-King and Haman

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Semi-Chorus

Long live our noble King; ne'er shall thy praises end; ever the dutiful more than the beautiful, find in thee a friend. Thy throne from every foe, heaven in love defend. Peace and prosperity down to posterity ever our realm attend.

.. King

What is thy petition and what is thy request? It shall be granted, e'en to the half of my kingdom.

Solo-Queen

O King; if I have found favor in thy sight, O spare my life at my petition, and my people at my request. For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain and to perish.

King

Who is he and where is he that durst presume in his heart to do this?

Queen.

The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman.

King

O base, ungrateful man! Viper, whose treacherous fang smites the hand that feeds thee! What turpitude of art can fitty barb the dart that through death's portals leads thee?

Harbonah

Thereon let Haman die.

SCENE IV

Duet-Haman and Zeresh

Farewell! The hour has come! Alas; my breaking heart a victim to the kingly doom. The time has come to part. Farewell, my love, my life. Weep not, my loved one; we'll meet above. Farewell, the time has come, the hour when we must part, so farewell.

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SCENE V Solo-King

Now Mordecai the great shall wear the seal of state, his worth the realm adorning.

Solo-Mordecai

Do I wake, or am I dreaming? Lo! what honors crown my brow, mid these regal splendors beaming, keep me meek as I am now.

Solo-Mordecai's Sister

Do I wake, or am I dreaming! Lo! success attends thee now. Lo! my Queen, with splendors beaming, wreaths of triumph deck thy brow.

Solo-Zeresh

Do I wake, or am I dreaming? Breaking heart and jeweled brow. How I loathe these splendors beaming, for they mock me now.

Chorus

Praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary, in the firmament of His power, for His mighty acts, according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him, with the sound of the trumpet, the psaltery and harp, timbrel and dance. Praise Him with organs and upon the loud cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

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